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Intelligence service career helps unravel Oswald riddle

Edward Ellis Smith, former Army, State Department and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) security-intelligence officer, believes accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was a trained Soviet agent, although not acting on orders when he shot President John F. Kennedy.

In the third of a series of exclusive articles in today's Times, Smith attempts to unravel the unprecedented circumstances surrounding Oswald's

marriage to a Russian girl and their hastily arranged exit from the Soviet Union.

Smith, 42, of 1849 Webster St., Palo Alto, was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of West Virginia in 1939 with a degree in political science.

In World War II, he was decorated three times with the Bronze Star for valor in combat in the European theater.

After a stint with Supreme Allied Headquarters after the war, Smith was returned to the Pentagon and assigned as chief of the political - economic Russian section in G2. He studied Russian at the naval Intelligence Language School, and in 1948 was posted at the American Embassy, Moscow, as assistant military attache and assistant economic attache.

SECURITY OFFICER

In 1950, Smith returned home and was placed on detached service with an intelligence unit in the Pentagon. In 1953, as a major, he resigned from the Army, and joined the State Department as a foreign service staff officer. In 1954, he went back to Moscow as the State



OSWALD'S WIFE
Mrs. Marina Oswald

Department's first full-time security officer at the American Embassy.

In 1956, after resigning from the State Department, he joined the CIA as a specialist in Russian affairs. He quit in 1962 to embark on a new career as independent writer and lecturer.